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WHITE HALL OF BRISTOL COLLEGE
701-721 Shadyside Avenue
Croyden
Bucks County
Pennsylvania

HABS NO. PA-5486

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

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STATE Pennsylvania	COUNTY Bucks	TOWN OR VICINITY Croyden
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) WHITE HALL OF BRISTOL COLLEGE		HABS NO. PA-5468 5486
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Pennsylvania Hall (1835); Bridgewater School (1868)		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 701-721 Shadyside Avenue		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1834-35 (National Register)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Alexander Jackson Davis	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Architecturally significant as representative of the early work of a reknown architect. Last remain structure of Bristol College- the first college in Bucks Co. with a program that combined manual labor with intellectual advancement. It was later used as an orphan-*		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Neo-classical, triparte design		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Smooth plaster over brick, including the columns (which are hollow). The portico is wood frame.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHEO FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) The center main block is 3-3/4 stories high, five bays wide and two rooms deep.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE fourth or 3/4 story with 1/2 story windows in the frieze, large pedimented portico with massive columns, pilastered facade		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) heavy, symmetrically molded door and window moldings with bull's eye corner blocks, first floor cornice molding		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Currently the structure is vacant and in poor condition.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE *age, and a Civil War hospital. After the war it was reopened as a school for orphans of colored soldiers, known as Bridgewater School (1868-1880's).		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register nomination prepared by Jeffrey Marshall & Kathryn Auerbach, July 1983		
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